

(b) The position on number of persons recruited from July, 1991 to February, 1992 is as below:-

General	SC	ST	Total SC/ST
130	88	26	114

[English]

Export of Feature Films

5275 SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is scope for increasing the export of feature films;

(b) if so, whether piracy and under invoicing stands in the way of achieving the export potential of the Indian films; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to contemplate to meet the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRJA VYAS) (a) to (c). Export of feature films has been decontrolled with effect from 14.8 1991 and such measures are likely to boost export of the same.

Delivery of Letters in Kerala From Foreign Countries

5276. SHRI E. AHAMED: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is delay in the delivery of letters from the gulf and other foreign countries in Kerala;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The delivery of letters from Gulf and other foreign countries to Kerala is generally satisfactory and no specific cases of delay have been reported.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Export of Steel

5277. SHRI NITISH KUMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'SAIL may miss export target' appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated the December 30, 1991;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon;

(c) the target fixed and achievement made in the export of steel during the last three years and the actual quantity exported;

(d) the reasons for not achieving the target;

(e) whether more than ten lakh tonnes

of steel is proposed to be exported during 1992 by the Steel Authority of India, and

(f) the quantity of Steel likely to be produced by the SAIL during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL
(SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) and

(b). Yes, Sir. Against a target of about 3 lakh tonnes for 1991-92, SAIL has exported 1.57 lakh tonnes upto February, 1992 of the year 1991-92

(e) Exports of steel by SAIL against the targets for the last three years is as follows

(Quantity in '000 tonnes)

Year	Target	Actual exports
1988-89	100	102
1989-90	250	165
1990-91	250	183

(d) Export of specific products depends upon demand in the international market. Exports have declined due to recessionary trend in the international steel trade and reduction in foreign demand.

(e) No, Sir

(f) SAIL is likely to produce about 70 lakh tonnes of finished steel during 1992-93.

Increase in Transmission Capacity of Trivandrum AIR Station

5278 SHRI RAMESH CHENNIHALA
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the transmission capacity of Trivandrum commercial Broadcasting station to cover districts of Quilon and Pathanamthitta, and

(b) if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MIN-

ISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is an approved scheme to replace the existing 1 KW MW Transmitter for Vividh Bharati/Commercial Service at Trivandrum by a 2x5 KW FM Transmitter. It is envisaged to be completed during the VIII Plan period.

[English]

Supply of Power to Kerala

5279 SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN
Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the supply of power to Kerala state from the Central pool is lesser than the previous years,

(b) if so, the quantity so reduced,

(c) whether the Union Government have received any request from the Government of Kerala in this regard, and